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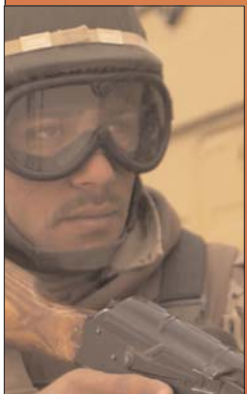
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U.S. Army photo by Spc. Rick Rzepka

U.S. Airmen stand in formation in front of an Iraqi C-130 during a ceremony at the new Muthana Air Base Tuesday. The air base, near Baghdad International Airport, provides the Iraqi Air Force with a foundation to support other Iraqi security forces.

Air support for Iraqi Security Forces

Story by **By Master Sgt. Will Ackerman**
447th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs
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BAGHDAD — The Iraqi Air Force, along with its Coalition partners, officially opened a new air base in Baghdad on Tuesday.

About a year ago, the Al Muthana Air Base was just a shell - an old aircraft hangar that suffered substantial damage during the war against the Saddam Hussein's regime. A team of U.S. Airmen helped rebuild the base, which is about eight miles southwest of Baghdad, adjacent to Baghdad International Airport. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the American Airmen helped their Iraqi partners raise the new air base from the ground up. Now, it provides

a foundation on which Iraq's Air Force can rebuild with help from its allies.

"The place was just a construction site," said Capt. Greg Holmgren, Multi-National Security Transition Command Iraq, Coalition Air Force Transition Team base defense advisor. "One of the greatest things about coming here when the place was torn up has been watching the place develop."

The planes will be used to support the Iraqi Armed Forces in rapidly deploying equipment and personnel and monitoring Iraq's borders, he said.

Mi-17 helicopters, paid for by the Ministry of Defense, were also displayed at the new air base. The helicopters will be integrated into the IAF's existing helicopter

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GENERAL CASEY'S CORNER

No lapse in leadership

Last week Iraq and the entire free world noted with sadness the untimely death of a great Iraqi leader, Maj. Gen. Mubdar Hatim Hazya Al-Duleimi, commanding general for the 6th Iraqi Army Division. On March 6, Gen. Mubdar became just the latest victim of the senseless violence all too common in Iraq. A true Iraqi patriot Gen. Mubdar's loss will be felt throughout the burgeoning Iraqi Army. His legacy is a professional and capable fighting force that will continue to fight for Iraqi freedom.

As I said, Gen. Mubdar's death was pointless. The pursuit for democracy moves on. Last week the Presidency Council signed the decree calling for convening of the Council of Representatives. As of this writing, the convening of the CoR is scheduled for March 16. It is yet another in a series of events that will define this nation as the wheels of governance and freedom are set in motion. Terrorists have been unrelenting in their campaign to derail the political process and break the will of the Iraqi people. To that end, we witnessed the horrific bombing of the Golden Dome mosque in Samarra, as well as Gen. Mubdar's assassination. Both attempts failed and fell far short of their objective. The people of Iraq did not cower - and the 6th IA Division is under new leadership, continuing to protect Baghdad.

The people of Iraqi are more unre-

By Gen. George W. Casey
Multi-National Force - Iraq
Commanding General



lenting than the terrorist. The seating of the CoR sets into motion the election of the Speaker and the Presidency Council. At this time, the coalition with the largest block of representatives will name their prime minister nominee. Next, the prime minister nominee will form the cabinet within 30 days.

As the government is slowly forming, the Multi-National Force -

Iraq continues its transition to Iraqi Security Forces. As of today, the ISF has 49 battalions, 13 brigade headquarters and two division headquarters responsible for security in their own battlespace. This is up six battalions and two brigade headquarters from my last report. Along with the increase in Iraqi units, more area for security responsibility has been transitioned to ISF, mainly in the northeast of Iraq. Additionally, another forward operating base, FOB Hope, was transferred last week to the 6th Iraqi Army Division in Baghdad. This marks the 34th FOB given back for use by the Iraqi government since Jan. 1, 2005.

Iraq lost a great leader last week. However, his death, as with anyone who has made the ultimate sacrifice

"[Seating of an Iraqi government] is yet another of a series of events that will *define this nation* as the wheels of governance and freedom are set in motion."

for democracy in Iraq, will not have been in vain. Because of their sacrifice, Iraqis remain on the path toward democracy and peace.

Photos around the Fertile Crescent



Staff Sgt. Melvin Clark and Pfc. William Hawkins search for weapons caches in Mosul. The Soldiers are assigned to the 1st Infantry Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.



U.S. Marines with Regimental Combat Team 5 patrol through an open field in Fallujah on March 2. The Marines are conducting counter-insurgency operations with Iraqi security forces.



An Iraqi Soldier lifts a U.S. Marine with the Military Training Team of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force during physical training at Camp India.



A Polish Soldier assists Iraqi citizens into Camp Echo in Diwaniyah for medical treatment. The soldier is assigned to the Polish Army Medical Division, Multi-National Division - Central South.

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Tall Afar Police are making strides

Story and Photo by Sgt. Dennis Gravelle
138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

TALL AFAR — At Combat Outpost Grainery, 37th Armor Regiment's 2nd Battalion mentors and develops the Iraqi Police in Tall Afar.

"We shadow the IP and conduct joint operations," said 1st Sgt. Wesley Wyatt of the 2/37th, an Austin, Texas, native. "We stay outside to let them show the citizens of Tall Afar that the IPs are in charge, and the Coalition is only here to support and reinforce their actions."

According to Capt. Neil Smith, Company B commander, 2/37th, and a Richmond, Va., native, the IP just added 200 Iraqi Police officers who work out of a station that opened in February.

"Most of the new recruits come from the Tall Afar area, so they are a little better received by the people," Smith said.

Smith works closely with Lt. Col. Hussein, the Iraqi Police chief, on evaluating intelligence and planning joint missions. He said Hussein is a tough, but fair man who wants to help the citizens of Tall Afar.

According to Smith, Hussein instituted a parole program in the city for people who commit crimes. He makes them come to the police station every Thursday to sign a letter stating that they will not commit crimes.

"What I am trying to do for this city is not only good for the citizens, but also for the criminals," Hussein said. "I am giving them a chance to straighten themselves out."

Smith said Hussein is an asset to the community who cares about finding terrorists and who also tries to find new ways to make city.

"The IP has good leadership," Smith said. "The officer's just need more experi-



Iraqi Police officers stop traffic at a checkpoint in Tall Afar. The city is making strides in clearing the insurgency.

Tall Afar a better

ence and we will ensure they will work for all the citizens of Tall Afar."

The 3/37th is based out of Friedberg, Germany.

Air

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squadron.

The aircraft are a steppingstone to acquiring more combat capable aircraft to fight the insurgency, said Iraqi Air Force pilot Col. Jabber.

It is important for Iraqis to have an effective air force, said Maj. Gen. Kamal, chief of staff for the Iraqi Air Force. It is important for them to see tangible results and cooperation, he said. Building up an air force takes work, money and dedication, he said.

Although Iraq's Air Force is much smaller compared to Saddam's, now it is better than before, said Col. Jabber. "Now our Air Force supports the government and the people. In the past the Air Force only supported Saddam," he said. "We are humanitarian now."

Beginning in Nov. 2005, the U.S. Air Force assumed responsibility for standing up the IAF. Led by Brig. Gen. David W. Eidsaune, the Coalition Air Force Transition Team commanding general, a group of more than 70 Airmen has helped the IAF learn the fundamentals of base support functions and C-130 maintenance.

"Be patient and we will work together to restore this Air Force," said Eidsuane. Taking on this training mission in a combat zone is not an easy task, he said. "I am confident that the future of the Iraqi Air Force is bright. They are small but proud and growing every day."

The air base, although operational, is undergoing construction and will be the backbone of Iraq's air power, said Jabber.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Rick Rzepka

U.S. and Iraqi Air Force personnel inspect an Iraqi Mi-17 support helicopter which was purchased by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense. The helicopter will be used at the New Muthana Air Base in Baghdad, which officially 'stood up' on Tuesday.

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Kit crazy for Mosul girls

Story and photos by
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MOSUL — Maj. Fallah Hammadi Hindni, an Iraqi police chief in Mosul, and his police officers gave school supplies they had received from Operation Iraqi Children to the Al Abed elementary school in the Palestine neighborhood.

The school was used as a polling site during the Parliamentary Elections in December. During the elections, the head mistress of the

school told Coalition Forces that the girls did not get school supplies, unlike the boys attending the same school.

The U.S. 401st Civil Affairs battalion was notified and coordinated with Operation Iraqi Children organizers to get school supply kits for the girls.

Operation Iraqi Children is an organization that takes American school supply donations to Iraqi children. The program was founded by Hollywood actor Gary Sinise and best-selling author Laura Hillenbrand.

Each kit includes everything these Iraqi children would need to start their education.

After the 401st CA received the supplies they linked up with Maj. Fallah and his team to deliver the kits.

"This is the largest supply operation ... to support school children, that we have done," said Maj. Roy A Outcalt, team leader, 401st CA, Team Alpha,



Girls from the Al Abed elementary school receive school supplies from the 401st Civil Affairs Battalion in Mosul.

which assisted the Iraqi Police.

The girls were excited. Giggles and laughter rose above the commands from the Iraqi Police. The girls thanked every adult they saw in uniform.

Supply kits include:

- scissors
- 12-inch ruler
- 12 pencils
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- box of colored pencils
- loose leaf paper
- notebook
- three folders
- zippered pencil bag.



Girls from the Al Abed elementary school stand in line waiting for a surprise visit from the Iraqi Police in Mosul.



Hero of the Week

Soldier donates blood while wounded

Story and photo by Capt. Chris Watt
Joint Area Support Group - Central

BAGHDAD — A Soldier from the 10th Mountain Division jumped in the blood donation line at the 10th Combat Support Hospital to donate blood for a wounded Marine who arrived at the hospital with serious leg injuries on Feb. 20.

While donating blood is always a generous and noble thing to do, this Soldier had arrived at the 10th CSH with a chest wound less than 24 hours before the Marine.

1st Lt. Jaime Garcia, with the 10th Mountain Division's Company D, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, was recovering from a

sniper wound he'd received while on patrol south of Baghdad on Feb. 19, when he heard the call for blood donations Feb. 20.

"I just wanted to help," said Garcia. "I figured this Marine was worse off than me and I was just grateful to be alive, so I wanted to help."

"I've been in Army medicine for 25 years and I'd never seen anything like it," said Col. Dennis Doyle, 10th CSH commander. "Less than 24 hours before, he had come in with a bullet



1st Lt.
Jaime Garcia

wound to the chest and he was already donating blood. It was a very commendable thing to do."

The blood that Garcia donated was part of nine pints of blood that were donated and used to stabilize the Marine enough to make the trip to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany.

Garcia has returned to duty with the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, deployed to Camp Liberty from Fort Drum, N.Y. Garcia's unit's motto is "Deeds Not Words."

Interpreters link Soldiers from both sides

Story and photo by Spc. Waiane D. Haley
133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

TIKRIT — Even with the progress of Coalition efforts in Iraq, one large obstacle remains - language. However, skilled individuals, both military and civilian, are helping troops overcome this barrier.

As Operation Iraqi Freedom enters its fourth year, interpreters are continuing to play a key role in building and maintaining relationships between Coalition Forces and the Iraqi people.

Lt. Col. Richard D. Root, commander of 101st Airborne Division's 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment said that without the skills of interpreters, Coalition Forces could not have built such strong ties with the local people.

The role of interpreters is to bridge the language gap so Coalition Forces can communicate with the Iraqi people and leaders. "Without an interpreter, working along side Coalition Forces would be very hard because of the communication gap," said Brig. Gen. Abdel Jabar Saleh, commander of the 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division. "All our ideas and plans are shared with the

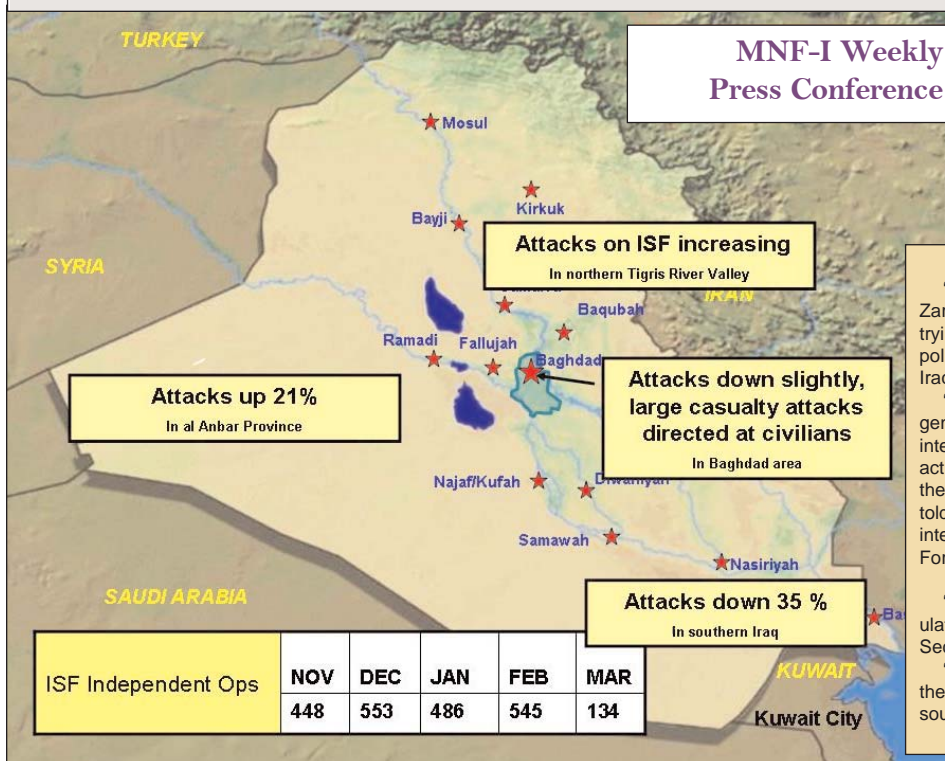
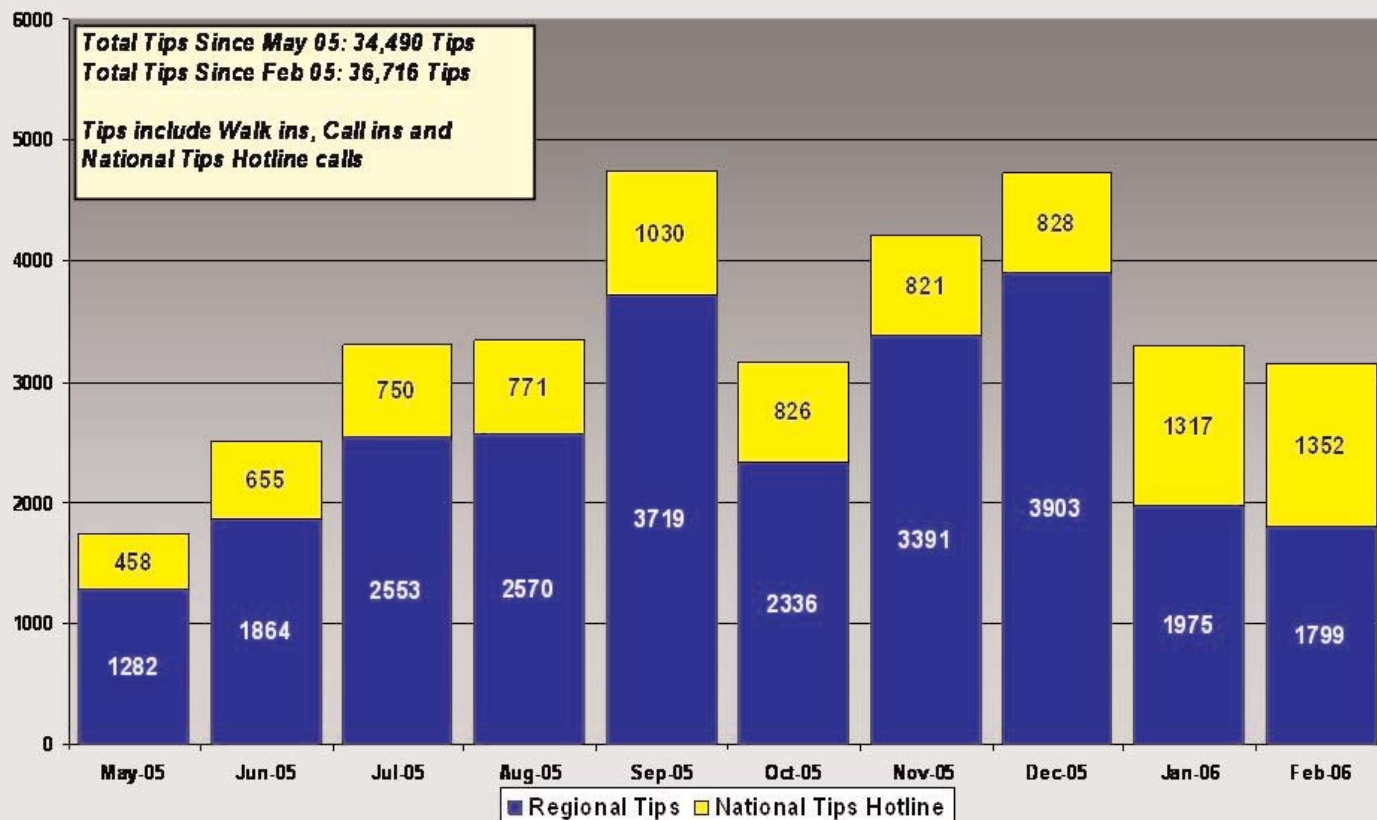
coalition through the use of interpreters. For example, we couldn't do this interview without an interpreter."

Interpreters come from several sources. Arabic linguists are U.S. Soldiers trained and proficient in the Arabic language. Coalition Forces also employ civilian contractors who speak Arabic. In addition, the Iraqi Army has its own interpreters.



An interpreter (right) bridges the language barrier between Maj. David Norton (left), with the 101st Airborne Division and Lt. Col. Radif Lafi Al Shemari (center), of the Iraqi 7th Strategic Infrastructure Battalion during a joint security construction project in Shermari's area.

Tips Totals May 05 – Feb 06



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Tipping the Scales

"The people of Iraq are fed up with the insurgency. Zarqawi and his band of terrorists and foreign fighters are trying to discredit the Iraqi government and disrupt the Iraqi political process at the expense of Iraqi civilians. And the Iraqi civilians have had enough.

"So the people of Iraq are uniting against the insurgency. One way they're doing that is providing actionable intelligence. And I've talked to you routinely about the activity on the national tips line. And you can see in yellow the number of calls that come in on that tip line. And as I told you, we find 98 percent of those provide actionable intelligence, information that we and the Iraqi Security Force can do something with."

Charting Violence

"We're seeing reduced attacks against the civilian population, but a marked increase in attacks against the Iraqi Security Force.

"In Al Anbar last week, attacks were up 21 percent, but the attacks are isolated around Ramadi and Fallujah. In the south, attacks have decreased by 35 percent."



An Albanian Commando mans a gun turret at Logistical Support Area Diamondback. Albanian troops have been serving in Iraq since the beginning of the war.



Albanian Commandos display defensive tactics while at Logistical Support Area Diamondback.

Commandos are Calling

Story and photos by Spc. L.C. Campbell
138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

MOSUL — The Albanian Army is helping Coalition Forces fight terrorism in Iraq from Logistical Support Area Diamondback.

The Commandos, 1st Battalion, 6th Albanian Contingent, controls the battlespace east of LSA Diamondback.

"In my country, all the people support our guys, and my people like freedom," said Besnik Sokoli, the commander of the 6th Albanian Contingent. "In my country, we were not struck by terrorism, but the government and people support Albanian Soldiers fighting terrorism."

Commando units have been supporting Coalition Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom since 2003.

"Our prime minister was here two months ago and he said Albania will be in Iraq the same amount of time as the U.S. forces," Sokoli said. "The Soldiers are proud to fight terrorism here and to fight the global war on terrorism."

In 2004, Sgt. Elton Abazllari, now the company advisor, was deployed to Iraq, working with U.S. Special Forces. He was wounded in his right leg by an Improvised Explosive Device. He said the situation in Mosul has greatly improved in the past year.

"Now-a-days, things are changing for the better," Sokoli said. "Three years ago, it was the worst situation, and now it's better because the local government is taking control and responsibility and fighting terrorism, and the Coalition is supporting them."

"I think now terrorism is the worst sickness and all democratic countries need to put together all their forces to fight the terrorists," Sokoli said.



Albanian Commandos ride in the back of a transport at Logistical Support Area Diamondback, where they control the battlespace east of the base.

Raids play large role in controlling terror

Story by Sgt. Kristopher Joseph
Multi-National Corps - Iraq

Lost and Found

Soldiers from 6th Iraqi Army Division's 4th Brigade, and Multi-National Division - Baghdad's 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division found two weapons caches Thursday while patrolling southwest of Baghdad.

The first cache consisted of mortar rounds and 300 pounds of explosives. The second cache contained mortar rounds and a 14-inch-long missile with tripod.

An Explosive Ordnance Disposal team eliminated the threat with a controlled detonation.

The Detain Train

Servicemembers from the 6th Iraqi Army Division and Multi-National Division - Baghdad detained five suspected terrorists during operations extending from Wednesday evening to Thursday morning.

Members of the 6th Iraqi Army Division's 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, were attacked by small-arms fire at a checkpoint at about 10 p.m. in the Adhamiyah district of Baghdad. Iraqi Soldiers secured the area and detained two suspects.

We'll find you

Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division's 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, detained three suspected terrorists. on Friday in New Baghdad, after a traffic stop and search revealed possible bomb-making materials.

Iraqi Army Soldiers found and disposed of a roadside bomb in central Baghdad and, in a separate event, Multi-National Division - Baghdad Soldiers detained three suspected terrorists south of the city Thursday.

Responding to a tip, Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, located a roadside bomb in the Adhamiyah district of Baghdad.

An Iraqi Police explosive ordnance disposal team was called and successfully disarmed the bomb.

South of Baghdad, troops from the



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Clydell Kinchen

An U.S. Soldier from the 4th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment performs calibration fires with a howitzer on Wednesday in Mosul.

101st Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment responded to a rocket-propelled grenade attack on Thursday.

The Soldiers detained three suspected terrorists who had batteries, wire and detonation cord.

Iraqi and MND-B Soldiers found several weapons caches while on patrol Wednesday near the Euphrates

River, southwest of Baghdad .

Soldiers from the 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, found weapons caches consisting of a total of 1,100 pounds of high-explosive material, artillery rounds, three foreign-made .50 cal. machine guns and a large amount of .50 cal. ammunition.

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Iraqi 6th Div. moves into Hope and Sadr City

Story and photo by Pfc. Paul David Ondik
101st Airborne Division, 506th public affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HOPE — The Iraqi Army's 6th Division assumed control of Forward Operating Base Hope during a transfer of authority ceremony Thursday.

Relinquishing control of the base during the ceremony was the 101st Airborne Division's 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment.

"We stand in the company of those ready to accept the challenge of securing Iraq's future," said Lt. Col. Mark Bertolini, the commander of 3/67th AR, as he passed FOB Hope the responsibility to Col. Hussain, the commander of 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.

"It is our honor to accept responsibility and take over the sovereignty of Sadr City," said Hussain.

FOB Hope is in the northwest corner of the Thawra district in Baghdad and housed members of Saddam Hussein's regime prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Hussain said that his main objective for the brigade is building a unified, strong

and independent Iraq. He thanked Coalition Forces.

"We work side-by-side with the dedicated Soldiers of the ISF every day," said Col. Thomas Vail, commander of the 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. "The 2/6th IA is already patrolling and manning control points on a daily basis."

"To my brother and friend, Colonel Hussain, I'd like to say that your Soldiers look magnificent today," said Bertolini, a native of Long Island, N.Y.

Included in the ceremony was an Iraqi Army equipment display and a martial-arts exhibition.

"The turnover of FOB Hope demonstrates the increased capabilities of the 'Tiger' Brigade, and thus the Iraqi Army," said Bertolini. "The 2nd Brigade has earned the reputation of a tough, well-led and well-trained unit."



Command Sgt. Maj. Ehmed and an Iraqi Soldier pass the guidon to Col. Hussain, commander of 6th Iraqi Army Division's 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, during a transfer of authority ceremony at Forward Operating Base Hope Thursday.

Operations

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Nearby, Soldiers from MND-B's 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division found caches containing items used to detonate roadside bombs.

Coalition Forces conducted a raid looking for an Al Qaeda in Iraq military operations leader and discovered an improvised explosive device manufacturing site about 10 miles east of Fallujah on Tuesday.

Calling for Help

Responding to a tip 6th Iraqi Army Division Soldiers



from 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, located a roadside bomb in the Adhamiyah district of Baghdad at about 4:15 p.m.

An Iraqi Police explosive ordnance disposal team was called and successfully disarmed the bomb.

South of Baghdad, 101st Airborne Division troops from 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, responded to a rocket-propelled grenade attack Thursday.

The Soldiers detained three suspected terrorists who had batteries, wire and detonation cord.

"Forces conducted a raid looking for an Al Qaeda in Iraq military operations leader and discovered an improvised explosive device manufacturing site."

A Polish Soldier warns his team members to stay back as he opens a weapons cache in Al Hamzah on Wednesday.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jason T. Bailey



1000 hours

The Italian 28th Unmanned Aircraft Squadron has passed a milestone, logging more than 1000 flight hours in Iraq with their Predator drone. The "Witches" have been stationed at Tallil Air Base since January 2005, and have performed more than 130 missions. The Italian Air Force is the first in Europe to use a UAV.

Military moto-cross

Story and photo by
Senior Airman Mark Woodbury
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AL KASIK MILITARY TRAINING BASE — Iraqi Soldiers at Al Kasik are embracing a new mode of transportation for use in base reconnaissance and forward convoy scouting.

The Soldiers here are learning proper on- and off-road motorcycle techniques from Coalition forces that will allow them to access areas they could never reach using other vehicles.

Before these riders can become fully certified motorcycle operators in the Iraqi Army, they must first go through a 15-day safety course that focuses on driving skills, personal protective gear and preventative maintenance.

"It is important that the Soldiers understand every aspect of the motorcycle before they begin using it," said Capt. Russell Waight, Coalition Military Assistance Training Team base defense advisor and motorcycle instructor. "The Soldiers are not only going to have to understand safe operating techniques with the motorcycle, but they also need to know how to make small repairs if the bike shuts down

in the field."

The first five days of instruction focuses on riding techniques on paved roads. The next five-day phase focuses on off-road techniques. The final step requires Soldiers to perform techniques on both surfaces, but in full tactical gear.

Safety and understanding how the bike works are the two most important lessons course instructors are trying to teach.

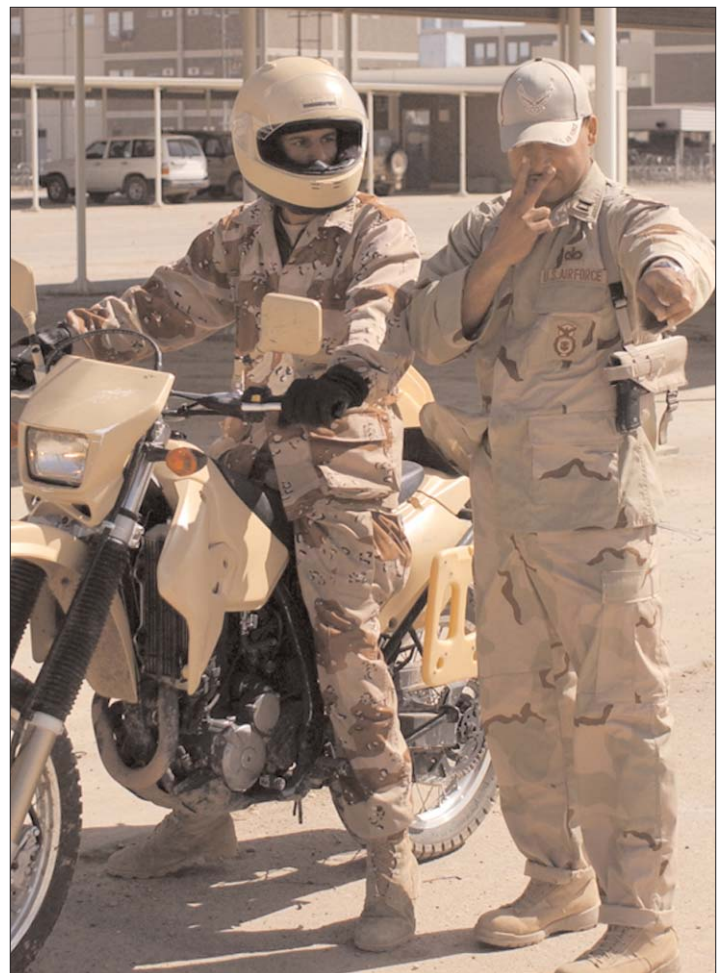
The Iraqi Soldiers said they are excited to learn how to ride the motorcycles.

For one Soldier, being trained to become a motorcycle scout was a perfect match.

"I have my own motorcycle at home," said Iraqi Army Pvt. Hussan, 4th Company Base Defense Detachment. "With my prior experience in both motorcycle riding and military tactics, this job is a perfect fit for me."

Another Soldier said he was excited to learn how to ride so that he could help his company when they left the base on convoys.

"When I graduate from the course, I will be able to provide a very important job for the company," said Iraqi Army Sgt. Maj. Foid, 4th Company Base Defense Detachment. "I will be able to go ahead of convoys and radio back to them if there



Iraqi Army Pvt. Hussan receives instruction from U.S. Air Force Capt. Russell Waight on how to properly look through a turn while riding a motorcycle.

are any potential problems ahead."

Waight said by using motorcycles to patrol the perimeter of the base, it will demonstrate a heightened and pro-active approach to installation defense.

"The enemy is always trying

to watch what we are doing," said Waight. "It has been a long time since we have had an attack on the base, and I feel the motorcycle patrols will be just another tactic that will make them think twice before they attempt to attack the base."

Rebuilding Iraq

Projects that are shaping a nation

Mosul

Eight schools in Mosul, each serving 150 students, have been renovated.



Baghdad

A water network in the Karadah section of Baghdad will provide water to about 1,000 homes and 250 commercial buildings.

Baghdad

The al Arabiyah school in Isriglal area of Baghdad has been renovated, providing a better learning environment for about 250 students.

Balad Rooz

Residents of Balad Rooz have more reliable electricity thanks to a new substation.

Fallujah

Repairs to a railroad embankment in Fallujah moves Iraq one step closer to resuming service and exports between the capital and the al Anbar Province.



Wassit Province

A border fort in the Wassit Province will increase protection along the Iran border.

Said Ashour

A new water treatment plant in Said Ashour will provide potable water to more than 5,000 people.

Nassyriah

A new police station in Nassyriah will boost protection to more than 100,000 residents.

Soldiers moving as one

**Iraqi 8th Div. Soldiers
train with Polish support
at Camp Echo, Diwanyah**

Photos can be found on www.mnf-iraq.com



**Iraqi Soldiers from the 8th Iraqi Army Division
navigate through mock hallways.**



**A group of Iraqi Soldiers provide cover for those who are searching a
building during a training exercise.**

**An Iraqi officer from the 8th Iraqi Army Division briefs his platoon
on the next exercise.**



**An Iraqi Soldier from the 8th Iraqi
Army Division kneels while provid-
ing cover to fellow Soldiers during a
training exercise conducted by the
Polish Army's Military Training
Team, at Camp Echo in Diwaniyah
on Thursday. The training is
designed to build team skills and
help the Soldiers understand how to
work together as a unit.**